

will experience a seizure in their lifetime, and each year, more than 181,000 develop seizures and epilepsy for the first time. Epilepsy affects people of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds. The condition can develop at any age, but epilepsy most often occurs in early childhood and old age.

It is also important to note that ten percent of all injuries to U.S. soldiers in Iraq are head injuries. Severe head injuries like those incurred during battle and roadside bombings carry a high risk of seizures and epilepsy that, in many cases, can develop months after the initial trauma.

Although advances in medical treatment have allowed some individuals with epilepsy to control their illness, more than 40 percent still have persistent seizures, despite all available treatments today. Epilepsy remains a formidable barrier to normal life, affecting educational opportunities, employment, and personal fulfillment.

Furthermore, epilepsy continues to be poorly understood by many Americans. Individuals with epilepsy are often misdiagnosed, cannot access the specialists they need, or are the subject of discrimination and prejudice. This cannot continue.

National Epilepsy Awareness Month aims to dispel common myths about individuals with epilepsy, increase public awareness and understanding about this serious condition, improve education to ensure faster diagnosis and treatment, and inform people about the services and informational resources available nationwide.

Many years ago, my life was turned upside down. Something was wrong with me but my doctor could not identify the cause. Finally, I was diagnosed with epilepsy. This diagnosis brought many challenges, but in my current position as a legislator, it has also brought opportunity. I hope I can be of some influence in directing attention and research to a disorder that has been ignored and misunderstood for too long.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members of Congress to join all Americans with epilepsy, their families, friends, and supporters to do all we can to improve the lives of individuals with epilepsy.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. SHELVIN J. HALL

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, to work until one is 90 years old is unusual; and to work effectively is almost unbelievable. However, to do both for Rev. Shelvin Jerome Hall is nothing more than expectation. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to this extraordinary man. When a young Shelvin Jerome Hall came to Chicago from Texas, he brought with him intellect, wisdom, wit, good up-bringing, determination, a strong belief in God and a recognition that he was destined to follow in the footsteps of Moses and lead his people towards a promised land.

When Rev. Hall took over the pastorate of the Friendship Baptist Church in 1955, it is reported that the church had only 87 cents in its treasury. However, without a great deal of fan-

fare, he developed an institution whose membership were solid citizens who themselves were growing as the church did, and he and Friendship became anchors of the North Lawndale Community.

Always conscious of the social, political and economic plight of African Americans and other minorities, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. came to Chicago in the 1960's, Rev. Hall opened the doors of Friendship to him and was not intimidated by City Hall and other factions opposed to the King movement.

During and after the riots in the '60's, Rev. Hall had a presence and played a significant role in fostering better police/community as well as Black-White relations in Chicago. Along the way Rev. Hall was married to an intelligent, professional, gracious and graceful woman, Mrs. Lucy Hall, who retired as one of Chicago's best public school teachers. They produced three children, Priscilla Hall who sits on the New York Supreme Court, Shelvin Louise Hall, an Appellate Court Justice in Cook County, Illinois and a son, Lewis J. Hall, Supervisor of Higher Education for the State of New York.

Rev. Hall has held every office on the Baptist Church's organizational chart. Pastor, Moderator, Dean at the Baptist Institute, President of the State Association and has provided leadership to many interfaith and interdenominational groups as well. Outside the religious arena, Rev. Hall has been chairman of many not-for-profit organizations and businesses . . . e.g. the Lawndale People's Planning and Action Conference, the Community Bank of Lawndale and a Blue Ribbon Commission to plan the re-opening of the Jackson Square Nursing Home across the street and in front of Friendship. Perhaps Rev. Hall's most pleasing achievement was the building of the new Friendship, commonly and fondly called the African Hut at 5200 W. Jackson Boulevard with wood imported from Mozambique. The church still sits in the heart of the Austin Community of Chicago which is more than 90% Black. It is a testament to the connection of African Roots to a large urban inner city community. It was also Rev. Hall, who along with some of his fellow clergy persons declared to Mayor Richard J. Daley and other Democratic Party leaders that it was time to elect a person of color to represent what is now the 7th Congressional District thereby, paving the way for Congressman George W. Collins to be elected, followed by his wife Congresswoman Cardiss Collins and finally, myself in 1996.

Rev. Hall, it is indeed a pleasure to salute you as you retire after having been pastor of Friendship Baptist Church for fifty one years. You've been effective and you've made a difference. We thank God for the Rev. Dr. Shelvin Jerome Hall.

TRIBUTE TO YVONNE SCARLETT-GOLDEN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 5th, 2006, the people of Daytona Beach, Florida and the United States suffered a great loss with the passing of Yvonne Scarlett-Golden. Yvonne Scarlett-Golden was a strong

leader, a passionate educator, and a devoted public servant. As the first African-American Mayor of Daytona Beach, she was never afraid of controversy; she was a true advocate for peace, racial justice, and social equality.

Born and raised in Daytona Beach, Yvonne grew up amid institutional segregation and discrimination. Despite growing up in a city of divisions, Yvonne would later be known as someone who brought the people of Daytona Beach together.

After High School, Yvonne decided to pursue a career in education. She received her Master's degree in education from Boston University, and began her teaching career in Florida public schools. She later taught in the San Francisco Unified School District, and served as the principal of Alamo Park High School for 20 years. After her long career to education, Yvonne returned to Daytona Beach to begin a career in politics, first as a city commissioner and later as the city's first African-American Mayor.

As Mayor, Yvonne helped unite the racially divided communities of Daytona Beach through determination and perseverance. She brought together the beachside and the mainland, black and white together through a city campaign pushing for respect and equality.

I remember very well attending peace conferences with Yvonne, the late Alameda County Supervisor John George, former Berkeley Mayor Gus Newport, former Berkeley City Councilmember Maudelle Shirek, and the late Carlton Goodlett, publisher of the Sun Reporter Newspaper, all of whose lives were totally committed to peace and justice.

Yvonne was a friend to me and an inspiration to many. Yvonne left us a legacy of fighting oppression and hatred with compassion and mutual respect. Her fight for justice and equality should not, can not, and will not be forgotten.

On behalf of the many friends of our beloved Yvonne from Northern California including her close friend, 95 year old former Vice Mayor of Berkeley Maudelle Shirek, we salute Yvonne Golden's life. We will keep her in our memories and we will honor her life by continuing her work for a better world. Her spirit will live on in the lives of those she touched in so many magnificent ways.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of a great woman, a brilliant human being who will be deeply missed, Yvonne Scarlett-Golden.

CONGRATULATING MAYOR TIM RUSSELL FOR 12 YEARS OF SERVICE AS MAYOR OF FOLEY, ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and personal pleasure that I rise today to honor Mayor Tim Russell for his many years of leadership and service to the City of Foley, not to mention all he has done to promote and advance the entire First Congressional District of Alabama.

Mayor Russell has been a vital member of the Foley community his entire life. He was born and reared in Foley and is a graduate of

Foley High School, as well as The University of Alabama. As a young boy in high school and as a young man in college, he was constantly looking for ways to serve those around him. This has been a characteristic and quality that he has carried with him all his life; not a day has passed since he became Mayor of Foley that he wasn't working to make his hometown a better place to live.

Mayor Russell is also a veteran, having served his country in the Vietnam War where he was awarded the U.S. Army Commendation Medal. Mr. Speaker, I know of no one who is more patriotic or loves his country more than Tim Russell.

Tim and his lovely wife, Sandy, are the proud parents of two outstanding sons, Kevin and Kenton, a beautiful daughter, Karen, and a very handsome new grandson, Timothy. Not only has he been a wonderful father and husband, but Tim Russell is a great role model and someone we all respect.

Throughout his illustrious 12 years as mayor, Tim has been a dedicated, faithful public servant. In fact, if you were to look up the definition of a "servant leader" in Webster's Dictionary, you would very likely see Tim Russell's picture.

His list of accomplishments is long enough to fill an entire volume of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Among the highlights, he was the person most responsible for developing the main hurricane evacuation route away from South Alabama's beaches during a time of emergency. Today, this heavily-traveled highway is known around the state and throughout the Southeast as the "Foley Beach Express."

He also provided crucial leadership to the people of Foley in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Ivan. Tim's experience and guidance proved crucial to the entire region, especially during the rebuilding process that followed this devastating storm. Because of his steady hand, the recovery in South Baldwin County was much better than expected.

Mayor Russell also played a lead role in helping to develop what is now known as the Tanger Outlet Mall in Foley. This retail center is one of the largest attractions in the entire state of Alabama. In addition to being one of the area's largest employers, the Tanger Outlet Mall in Foley provides one of the largest streams of revenue to the entire state.

Last month, Mayor Russell chose to resign from the office of mayor—an office he so dearly loved—in order to better serve the people of South Alabama in the wake of an insurance crisis following three major hurricane seasons throughout the central Gulf Coast. Tim returns to his position as president of Baldwin Mutual Insurance Company, where he is fast becoming one of the leading experts in the nation on affordable and accessible insurance coverage. He resigned the office of mayor so as to not even suggest at a possible conflict of interest; that is simply the kind of man he is.

Tim's lifetime of service has certainly not gone unnoticed. He has been recognized by Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Outstanding Young Men of America, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, the 1991 Free Enterprise Person of the Year, Who's Who in the World, and the Sam Walton Leadership Award. He has also been commended by the U.S. Senate and received the NAMIC Service Award.

Mr. Speaker, the faithful service of outstanding Americans like Mayor Tim Russell

has aided in an immeasurable way to the wellbeing of our community. I would like to offer my congratulations to Tim for his many personal and professional achievements and offer a heartfelt "thank you" for a job well done.

I know his family and many friends join with me in honoring his accomplishments and extending thanks for his many efforts on behalf of the people of Foley and the entire State of Alabama.

MIRIAM RUTH GUTMAN
BRAVERMAN GREAT POINT-OF-
LIGHT

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Miriam Braverman as a Great Point-of-Light for all Americans. Dr. Braverman was a great humanitarian as well as a Librarian specializing in literature for youth. She had a soul and mind that could absorb the essence of the entire sweep of our civilization. Her encyclopedic approach to the world produced insights which catapulted her into the moral leadership of her profession. "Claims of respect for human life are rhetoric if librarians continue as merely neutral disseminators of information."

Dr. Braverman clearly understood that the power of information was continually escalating. That our culture could experience a dangerous overload bloated with trivia was a major concern. She advocated a selectivity focused on human rights advocacy as a guide for the preparation and dissemination of materials for youth. In her dissertation she criticized a generation of librarians who were obviously preoccupied with shielding youth from matters related to sex while ignoring great amounts of violence in the literature targeted for boys.

Miriam Braverman was an advocate in the classroom and a fighter on the street with the demonstrators against war and injustice. In Brownsville, one of New York's poorest communities, she inspired large numbers of young women to go on to college through her leadership of a Career and College Club. At the national level she was a leader in the movement which culminated in the American Library Association's condemnation of the war in Vietnam. Constantly she pushed for greater library involvement in the practical utilization of information and retrieval services. She was also an astute political observer and an enthusiastic advisor who supported many progressive candidates including the first campaign of MAJOR OWENS for the New York State Senate and the MAJOR OWENS for Congress campaigns. To block the triumph of evil she felt that participation in electoral politics was a necessary chore.

Miriam Braverman, without hesitation, as a college professor rallied to assist her students with any problem, academic or personal. As a neighbor and friend she responded to any emergency. Loving the whole world and being concerned with mankind began with a single individual. In her honor the Progressive Librarian: A Journal for Critical Studies and Progressive Politics in Librarianship has established a Miriam Braverman Prize Essay Contest. Today I am joined by a band of dedicated fol-

lowers as I salute Dr. Miriam Braverman as a Great Point-of-Light for all Americans.

THE NORTHERN BORDER TRAVEL FACILITATION ACT

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my strong support for the Northern Border Travel Facilitation Act. As Chairman of the Small Business Committee, I held a November 17, 2005, hearing on the implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). WHTI may mandate the use of a passport for all travel between the United States and Canada as early as January 1, 2008. In 2003 alone, there were 34.5 million visits by Canadians to the U.S., which had a \$10.9 billion impact on our economy. Thus, if handled incorrectly, the WHTI travel document requirements could have serious detrimental effect on the United States economy.

Because of the cost and lack of speed in using a passport for frequent travelers across the U.S.-Canadian Border, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has approved other forms of travel documents for U.S. citizens to comply with WHTI that are not available to Canadian citizens. This means that Canadian citizens have no current options other than to use a passport at border crossings to comply with WHTI requirements.

I believe that, in certain circumstances, Canadian provincial driver's licenses and U.S. state driver's licenses should be accepted as border crossing documents. I also believe that when children accompany a legal guardian across the United States-Canadian border, they should not have to provide separate travel documents from their guardian. After all, a parent should not have to suffer economic loss to verify that their three year old is not a terrorist. The Northern Border Travel Facilitation Act will accomplish both of these objectives.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN LANE EVANS

SPEECH OF

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Ms. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to a great American, a colleague and most importantly, a friend. LANE EVANS has served this body with his full heart and soul for the past 24 years and for his service and friendship I thank him so much.

LANE is an amazing man in every sense of the word. His tireless work as Ranking Member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee has set the bar for which future Chairmen should strive to achieve. As a young Marine serving in Vietnam, he saw firsthand the rigors of war and it helped him to realize that our soldiers must be treated for all the symptoms of war and that some of the worst battle scars are visible but below the surface. His fight to get fair treatment for those suffering from Agent